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BARBARA HARRISON: NBC News reports tonight that Vice President Bush's visit to Rome includes a secret mission regarding the attempted murder of Pope John Paul-II. Italy was one of the stops on Bush's 7-nation tour to bolster support of US nuclear arms policies.

But NBC News has learned Bush has other orders from the White House. He's to assure anxious Italian leaders that President Reagan fully supports their controversial investigation into the papal plot, even if the trial leads directly to Soviet leader Yuri Andropov.

Bush also has to stop all leaks, mainly from the CIA, that tend to discourage the investigation. Reports of leaks from CIA officials flooded US newspapers during the past week.

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